

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) ~~The device according to claim 1,~~ An image display device for displaying an image to viewers, comprising:

an application state detecting unit configured to detect an operating state of predetermined application software;

a first display unit configured to display the image; and

a control unit configured to control whether to operate the first display unit or not in accordance with the operating state detected by the application state detecting unit;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting unit detects includes ~~the~~ a starting state of the application software, and

when the start of the application software is detected by the application state detecting unit, the control unit sets the first display unit to a state where it is permitted to display an image associated with the application software.

3. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 2, wherein the control unit causes the first display unit to display only the image associated with the application software set to the permitted state.

4. (Original) The device according to claim 2, further comprising a switch configured to turn ON/OFF the first display unit, wherein

when turned ON by the switch, the first display unit displays only an image which has been set to the permitted state by the control unit.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The device according to claim 1, wherein~~ An image display device for displaying an image to viewers, comprising:

an application state detecting unit configured to detect an operating state of predetermined application software;

a first display unit configured to display the image; and

a control unit configured to control whether to operate the first display unit or not in accordance with the operating state detected by the application state detecting unit;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting unit detects includes ~~the~~ a stopping operation state of the application software, and

when the stopping operation of the application software is detected by the application state detecting unit, the control unit sets the first display unit to a state where it is not permitted to display an image associated with the application software.

6. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 5, further comprising a second display unit configured to display an image to an operator of the image display device, wherein

the control unit caused at least the second display unit to display an image associated with application software set to the non-permitted state.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The device according to claim 1, wherein~~ An image display device for displaying an image to viewers, comprising:

an application state detecting unit configured to detect an operating state of predetermined application software;

a first display unit configured to display the image; and

a control unit configured to control whether to operate the first display unit or not in accordance with the operating state detected by the application state detecting unit;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting unit detects includes ~~the~~ an entire-screen display state of a window associated with the application software, and

when the entire-screen display state of the window associated with the application software is detected by the application state detecting unit, the control unit sets the first display unit to a state where it is permitted to display an image associated with the started application software on an entire-screen display basis.

8. (Original) The device according to claim 7, wherein the control unit causes the first display unit to display only the image associated with the application software set to the permitted state.

9. (Original) The device according to claim 7, further comprising a switch configured to turn ON/OFF the first display unit, wherein

when turned ON by the switch, the first display unit displays only an image which has been set to the permitted state by the control unit.

10. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a state setting unit configured to set an operating state that the application state detecting unit detects for each application software.

11. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 10, further comprising a state storing unit configured to store the operating state of each application software set by the state setting unit.

12. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 11, wherein the state storing unit includes a portable storage medium.

13. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a state setting unit configured to set an operating state that the application state detecting unit detects for at least one of each image data and each directory storing the image data.

14. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 13, further comprising a state storing unit configured to store the operating state of each application software set by the state setting unit.

15. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 14, wherein the state storing unit includes a portable storage medium.

16. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a state setting unit configured to set an operating state that the application state detecting unit detects for each operator.

17. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 16, further comprising a state storing unit configured to store the operating state of each application software set by the state setting unit.

18. (Withdrawn) The device according to claim 17, wherein the state storing unit includes a portable storage medium.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) ~~The program according to claim 19, wherein A~~
program which controls image data to be output to an external display device
connected to a computer, the program causing the computer to perform the following
functions:

an application state detecting function of detecting an operating state of
application software running on the computer; and

a display control function of controlling the image data to be output to the
external display device according to the operating state detected by the application
state detecting function;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting function
detects includes ~~the~~ a starting state of the application software, and

wherein the display control function includes a function of output image data to the external display device when the start of the application software is detected by the application state detecting function.

21. (Currently amended) ~~The program according to claim 19, wherein~~ A program which controls image data to be output to an external display device connected to a computer, the program causing the computer to perform the following functions:

an application state detecting function of detecting an operating state of application software running on the computer; and

a display control function of controlling the image data to be output to the external display device according to the operating state detected by the application state detecting function;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting function detects includes ~~the~~ a stopping operation state of the application software, and

wherein the display control function includes a function of stop the output of image data to the external display device when the stopping operation of the application software is detected by the application state detecting function.

22. (Currently amended) ~~The program according to claim 19, wherein~~ A program which controls image data to be output to an external display device

connected to a computer, the program causing the computer to perform the following functions:

an application state detecting function of detecting an operating state of application software running on the computer; and

a display control function of controlling the image data to be output to the external display device according to the operating state detected by the application state detecting function;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting function detects includes ~~the~~ an entire-screen display state of a window associated with the application software, and

wherein the display control function includes a function of output image data to the external display device when the entire-screen display state of the window associated with the application software is detected by the application state detecting function.

23. (Currently amended) A method which controls image data to be output to an external display device connected to a computer, comprising:

detecting ~~the~~ an operating state of application software running on the computer; ~~and~~

controlling the image data to be output to the external display device according to the detected operating state;

wherein detecting the operating state includes detecting a starting state of the application software, and

when the starting state of the application software is detected, setting the external display device to a state where it is permitted to display an image associated with the application software.

24. (Currently amended) An image display device for displaying an image to viewers, comprising:

application state detecting means for detecting ~~the~~ an operating state of predetermined application software;

first display means for displaying the image; and

control means for controlling whether to operate the first display means or not in accordance with the operating state detected by the application state detecting means;

wherein the operating state which the application state detecting means detects includes a starting state of the application software, and

when the start of the application software is detected by the application state detecting means, the control means sets the first display means to a state where it is permitted to display an image associated with the application software.